

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE
MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Golf Commission was called to order by Bill Townsend, Chairman, at 3:36 p.m. in the classroom at the Long Beach Junior Golf Academy Building, 6730 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California. Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations Bureau, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present: Bill Townsend, Chairman
Robin Bellamy
John McCann
Philip Barlow
Linda Cook
Skip Rowland
Betty Hatcher

Bob Peeters
Tonny Christensen
Ray McElhenney
Dorothy Deatherage
Len Kennett

Excused: Gail Berns

Staff: Terry Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Emy Arteaga, Golf Operations Support

American Golf: Jay Carballo, Regional Director, American Golf Corporation
Jeff Defranco, General Manager, Recreation Park 18 Golf Course
Lisa Georgeson, Junior Golf Coordinator

Guests: Bill Barfield, Past Chair, Long Beach Municipal Golf Commission
Al Theriault

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Chairman Townsend welcomed and introduced Bob Torrez, Director of Financial Management who gave an update on the 2004 budget and the three-year financial plan.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2003

- The minutes of the January 28, 2004 were reviewed and approved with one minor change to the next meeting date from March 24, 2004 to February 25, 2004.

It was moved by Commissioner Bellamy seconded by Commissioner McCann that the Municipal Golf Commission approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. GOLF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Rounds of golf for January were down by 348 (1%) over the total course rounds for January last year. **(Skylinks was removed)**
- Mr. Lortz asked the commissioners if they had any questions or comments on the rounds/financial report for the month of January.
- Mr. Lortz reviewed the highlights of the Monthly Facilities Reports and asked the commissioners if they had any questions on any of the reports.

5. AMERICAN GOLF REPORT

- CIP Golf Fund - Available balance as of January 2004 = **\$417,559.43**
- Junior Golf 1% Fund-Available balance as of January 2004= **\$71,468.44**
- Mr. Carballo reviewed the men and women's club hours report.
- Mr. Carballo stated that the gazebo at Recreation Park 18 Golf Course will be enclosed for future events starting March.
- Ms. Lisa Georgeson provided an update on the various junior golf programs in our City.
 - The Long Beach Junior Golf Association has 367 registered members for 2004.
 - The bi-monthly junior/adult tournament has been rescheduled for February 27th. Approximately 120 players will participate in the tournament.
 - Considering having some of our junior/adult events on Saturdays.
 - Looking at scheduling some events at Recreation Park 9 Golf Course for this summer.
 - The Get-A-Grip Program will commence during the second week of April at Long Beach Parks and Teen Center's. We are currently scheduling sites for those clinics. We will again offer scholarships to the Long Beach Junior Golf Association for those who complete the program. We currently have 14 active scholarship participants on Friday evenings.
 - We will partner with the Long Beach Chapter of the NAACP in April. We will teach clinics for approximately 30 youngsters.

- Currently looking for volunteers to answer the phones for a couple of hours in our office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. If anyone is interested, please call Ms. Georgeson at (562) 570-1272.
- The Little Linksters Program is scheduled to start the first session on July 12 – 16 and second session July 19 – 23rd. Applications for the program will be released on April 1st and available at the Heartwell Junior Golf Building.
- Currently working with Naomi Rainey, President of the Long Beach chapter of the NAACP to design a beginning golf program for approximately 30 youngsters.

6. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Capital Improvements – Skip Rowland

- No committee report.

B. Fees & Charges – Bob Peeters

- No committee report.

C. Hall of Fame – Len Kennett

- Commissioner Kennett informed the committee members to plan on attending the next meeting on March 24th at 2:00 p.m. Heartwell Junior Golf Building in the classroom.

D. Policies & Procedures– Tonny Christensen

- No committee report.

E. Tournaments – Dorothy Deatherage

- The committee met to approve a request from the ILWU Longshoreman of Long Beach for a shotgun tournament for 144 players at Recreation Park 18 Golf Course on Monday, July 5, 2004 at 7:00 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Deatherage and seconded by Commissioner Cook that the Municipal Golf Commission approve the shotgun tournament with the stipulation that a donation be made to the Junior Golf Program. The motion carried with all commissioners voting unanimously with the exception of Commissioner Peeters.

Commissioner Peeters amended the motion by requesting that the ILWU Longshoreman donate \$2,000 to the Junior Golf Program and Commissioner Kennett seconded the amended vote. The motion was denied with four commissioners voting yes and eight commissioners voting no.

F. Junior Golf Advisory – Linda Cook

- No committee report.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Skylinks Golf Course Renovation Update:
 - Week ending February 6, 2004, course renovation is progressing on schedule in spite of recent heavy rains. The contractor has now switched over to installing turf sod that is not over seeded with winter ryegrass because we are moving into the spring and the 419 hybrid Bermuda grass will be coming out of dormancy. The new sod will therefore not appear to be as deep grass in color as the sod planted earlier. The tee, the areas around the green and the fairway bunkers on holes 14, 17 and 18 have been planted with turf sod this past week. The contractor is now about 75% completed with tree pruning on the front 9 holes located north of Wardlow Road.
 - Week ending February 20, 2004, course renovation is progressing on schedule even with the contractor shutting down work to observe the Presidents' Day holiday. The tree contractor has moved to the south side of Wardlow Rd. and has completed pruning the overgrown trees on holes 1 and 10. Concrete cart paths were installed on holes 8 and 9. Turf sod has been planted around the green on hole 15. Bunkers were hand shaped by California Conservation workers on holes 1, 10 through 18. Green sand was installed on holes 2 through 5.
 - A week before the course opens up to the general public several charity events will be held, including a charity tournament to benefit our junior golf programs.
- Strategic Plan Update:
 - The mission statement is in place and we will now form an ad hoc committee to work on setting up and prioritizing the goals and objectives. After this process, the subcommittees will be formed to review the manuals and recommend changes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Carballo introduced Jeff DeFranco the new General Manager at Recreation Park 18 Golf Course.

9. **COMMENTS**

A. AUDIENCE

- Mr. Bill Barfield made a request to have the first foursome to tee off at the new course be Terry Lortz, Dick Allen, Bill Townsend, and the course designer.

B. STAFF

- Mr. Lortz will bring the clubhouse picture to the next meeting.

C. COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Rowland brought up the issue regarding the big potholes near the #9 hole at Recreation Park 9 Golf Course. Mr. Lortz informed the commission that the holes will be filled. Commissioner Hatcher informed the commission that Matt Jessner, General Manager has tried to keep the holes full but they need to be filled more often.
- Commissioner Peeters asked if the tree contractor was done with Skylinks Golf Course and if so will they be going to El Dorado Golf Course. Mr. Lortz stated that they would move to El Dorado Golf Course in about four weeks.
- Commissioner Peeters asked when the sump pump would be done at the El Dorado Golf Course under pass and Mr. Lortz stated that all projects are on hold until Skylinks Golf Course is completed.
- Commissioner Christensen stated that Heartwell Golf Course has been going through a lot of course improvement work recently.
- Commissioner McCann inquired as to why the dirt pile is still at Recreation Park 9 Golf Course. Mr. Carballo will work with the maintenance staff and address this issue.
- Commissioner McCann also asked why the drinking fountain near the #3 at Recreation Park 9 Golf Course has been capped off. Mr. Lortz informed the commission that he inspected the drinking fountain and determined that it had to be removed and other arrangements will have to be made to make sure there is water cooler provided for the golfers.
- Commissioner Bellamy inquired as to why the dead tree near #12 tee at Recreation Park 18 Golf Course is still there? Mr. Carballo will check on when it is scheduled for removal.

- Commissioner Barlow thanked Mr. Lortz for putting Skylinks Golf Course Renovation Project online along with project pictures for the general public. The website is www.LBParks.org all commissioners are encouraged to view the website and see what's taking place at the course.
- Chairman Townsend would like to have a Junior Golf fundraising event when Skylinks Golf Course is opened.
- Commissioner Christensen would like the commission to invite Dick Allen to the grand opening at Skylinks Golf Course.
- Commissioner Rowland thanked staff for enlarging the golf course tournament calendar to a more readable format.
- Commissioner Cook thanked the El Dorado Men's club for the bulletin board donation.
- Chairman Townsend announced the U.S. swim trials will be hosted in Long Beach starting July 7 – 14, 2004.
- Chairman Townsend inquired about the golf course name? Mr. Shippey informed him that the name will be changed to Legends at Long Beach.

10. NEXT MEETING

**March 26, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
Heartwell Junior Golf Building
6730 E. Carson Street
Long Beach, CA 90808**

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Golf Operations Support

cc: Municipal Golf Commission
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Thomas A. Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Terry L. Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf Corporation